



# Georgia HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## *House Media Services Office*

### **Media Rules Regarding Special Days**

Accommodations for special day access are made at the discretion of House Media Services staff and may be dependent upon a number of factors, including but not limited to capacity restrictions.

#### ***Joint Sessions of the House and Senate***

Coverage of Joint Sessions of the House and Senate for the Governor's State of the State Address and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia's State of the Judiciary Address allow for exceptions to be made to the normal House Media Rules and Media Decorum. A limited number of credentialed photographers and camerapersons may be allowed to access the House floor during Joint Sessions with permission from the House Media Services Office.

**Permission to access the floor during a Joint Session must be requested and approved no later than one (1) business day prior to the Joint Session.**

1. Photographers and camerapersons are restricted to the designated areas outlined in the House Chamber Media Access Map.
2. Photographers and camerapersons are **not** permitted access behind or next to the Speaker's rostrum, down the center aisle or in the North Anteroom.
3. Photographers and camerapersons may be permitted access in front of the well prior to the State of the State and State of the Judiciary addresses as the Governor and Chief Justice enter the House Chamber. This is limited to quick photo and video opportunities only for the purpose of the specified event. Do not block the view or access of anyone at the rostrum or anyone that is being seated on the floor, and please move as directed by House staff members.
4. Members of the media are not permitted to request interviews on the House floor until the Joint Session has adjourned.

5. Members of the media are not permitted to conduct interviews in the hallway outside of the House Chamber while the Governor, Chief Justice, Senate and guests are entering or exiting the House Chamber.
6. Please note, after the Governor's address concludes, the Governor and their party will exit the House Chamber. The Joint Session will then adjourn and the Senate will exit the House Chamber. The House remains in session before adjourning for the day.
7. Please note, after the Chief Justice's address concludes, the Chief Justice and their party will exit the House Chamber. The Joint Session will then adjourn and the Senate will exit the House Chamber. The House remains in session before adjourning for the day.

### ***Day 1 of the First Legislative Session of the Biennial Term (Swearing-in Ceremony Procedures)***

Coverage of Day 1 of the legislative session for the election of the Speaker and Speaker Pro Tempore is an exception to normal House Media Rules and Media Decorum. Credentialed photographers and camerapersons will be allowed to cover this event on Day 1 of the legislative session from designated access areas under the following conditions:

1. Photographers and camerapersons are restricted to the designated areas outlined in the House Chamber Media Access Map.
2. Photographers and camerapersons are **not** permitted access behind or next to the Speaker's rostrum, down the center aisle or in the North Anteroom.
3. Photographers and camerapersons are permitted access in front of the well at the appropriate time as directed. This is limited to quick photo and video opportunities only for the purpose of the specified event. Do not block the view or access of anyone at the rostrum or the well, and please move as directed by House staff members.
4. Photographers and camerapersons are permitted access around the horseshoe of the House Chamber. This area is limited to quick photo and video opportunities only. Do not block the main entrance to the House Chamber, and please move as directed by House staff members.
5. Please note, after House elections conclude, the House remains in session before adjourning for the day.

### ***Day 40 of the Legislative Session***

Coverage of Day 40 of the legislative session for the adjournment procedures on Sine Die is an exception to normal House Media Rules and Media Decorum. Credentialed photographers and camerapersons will be allowed to cover this event on Day 40 of the legislative session from designated access areas under the following conditions:

1. Photographers and camerapersons are restricted to the designated areas outlined in the House Chamber Media Access Map.
2. Photographers and camerapersons are **not** permitted access behind or next to the Speaker's rostrum, down the center aisle or in the North Anteroom.
3. Photographers and camerapersons are permitted access on the House floor in front of the well immediately before the House adjourns on Day 40 of the legislative session and will be escorted on the floor at the direction of House staff. This area is limited to quick photo and video opportunities only. Do not block the view or access of anyone at the rostrum or the well, and please move as directed by House staff members.
4. Photographers and camerapersons are permitted access around the horseshoe of the House Chamber. This area is limited to quick photo and video opportunities only. Do not block the main entrance to the House Chamber, and please move as directed by House staff members.